

Leaders to Watch by Orlando Magazine in 2018.

Secretary Davis earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Florida State University, where he was an exceptional safety for the Seminoles' football team. In his spare time, Secretary Davis enjoys volunteering for the United Way, Valencia College, Volunteer Florida, and the Kappa Alpha Psi Achievement Foundation.

All of his leadership roles have been rooted in supporting students and helping younger generations fulfill their dreams. The Florida Lottery's mission perfectly aligns with his goals and experiences: increasing revenue for the betterment of Florida's education system. The organization has provided funding for more than 880,000 scholarships. In recognition of his distinguished career and record of public service, Secretary Davis will be inducted into the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project at its 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on Monday, January 18, 2021. He will support the 5000 Role Models' goal of saving minority boys from the pits of destruction, drugs, and the criminal justice system.

I am incredibly proud to honor Secretary Davis and welcome him to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PROSECUTOR HOME RULE ACT OF 2021

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Prosecutor Home Rule Act of 2021 to give District of Columbia residents another important element of self-government that does not require statehood and is enjoyed by all other Americans, including those in the U.S. territories. The bill would establish a local prosecutor's office designated under local law to prosecute all local crimes in the District. Under federal law, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, a federal entity, is responsible for prosecuting most local crimes committed by adults here, which is the greater part of its caseload, in addition to prosecuting federal crimes. This bill is special because it effectuates a 2002 advisory referendum, approved by 82 percent of D.C. voters, to create a local prosecutor's office.

There is no law enforcement issue of greater importance to D.C. residents on which they have less say than the prosecution of local crimes here. A U.S. Attorney has no business prosecuting the local crimes of a jurisdiction, an anachronism that is a holdover from when the District had no home rule and that is out of place in any American self-governing jurisdiction. In fact, the territories of the United States—Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands—have the authority to prosecute all local crimes in their jurisdictions. A local D.C. prosecutor is long overdue, placing the District behind all other U.S. jurisdictions. The goal of this bill is to give the District the same jurisdiction over the criminal matters that state, local and territorial jurisdictions justifiably regard as mandatory.

Amending federal law to create a local prosecutor would be an important step toward our goal of achieving true self-government in the District. I urge my colleagues to support this important measure.

HONORING ANTHONY SAMPSON

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Sampson, a local business owner and influential financial advisor, for his exemplary service and commitment to the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex. Anthony is an active figure in the North Texas community. His achievements span decades, and his ongoing involvement in the community is visible in many aspects. Beginning his professional career with Allstate in 1983, Anthony quickly rose through the ranks and held several management positions. While growing with Allstate, he achieved over two dozen prestigious awards. In 1993, Anthony opened Sampson Financial Services, Inc./Allstate Insurance Agency in Arlington, TX and continues to lead his team to bring reassurance and stability to our community. Anthony is an active leader in the African American community and is committed to empowering youth through volunteerism and community service. He helped found "100 Black Men of Greater Dallas-Fort Worth" to show young people how great their future can be. The hard work and spirit shown by him is an outstanding example of American success and ingenuity.

Anthony is a dedicated leader and mentor in our community; his commitment to the development of North Texans should be commended and remembered. By honoring Anthony Sampson, our Dallas Fort Worth, Texas residents will recognize his leadership and commitment to the betterment of our North Texas community and country.

REMEMBERING RICHARD ROMINGER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Richard Rominger and his legacy as a champion of rural communities and American farmers. Patti and I are deeply saddened by Richard's passing, and our hearts are with Evelyn and their family during this difficult time. I called Rich's cell phone the morning he passed away. He did not answer. I've called that number hundreds of times seeking advice and counsel, and I have always come away from the conversation with a gem of wisdom, a better solution to a problem, encouragement, and a precious gift of friendship. Not this time. My call was answered by his son confirming Richard Rominger's death. I'll keep Rich's number. He won't answer, but just calling will encourage me to stay true to the lessons he taught me. I know that Rich treated everyone with the same respect and desire to help. Perhaps they will keep that number, too.

Richard and Evelyn Rominger served in President Bill Clinton's administration with Patti and I. Richard was Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Patti ran the Foreign Agriculture Service's food and famine programs. Richard was always the bulwark of support for the American family farmer. He knew the challenges facing farm families, and he knew how to use government to improve their lot. During the Clinton years the Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior, where I was also Deputy, teamed up to produce seminal studies on the effects of Climate Change, create the first Tahoe Summit, address droughts, support land conservation efforts nationwide, attack invasive species, and protect America's great forest.

Governor Jerry Brown recognized Richard's potential as a problem solver when he appointed Richard to serve as the Secretary of the California Department of Agriculture. A problem-solver was necessary with Medflies, drought, water wars, and agricultural labor problems in abundance. Undaunted by these challenges, Rominger steered a wise course that yielded a bumper crop of solutions.

Following his time in government, Richard returned to Winters—where he was raised—to continue his work supporting the U.S. agriculture industry. Richard was named Agriculturalist of the Year by the California State Fair and received a Distinguished Service Award from the California Farm Bureau Federation for his lifelong commitment to the agricultural community.

Richard was a dear friend for whom I have the deepest respect and admiration. His life's work has had an indelible positive impact on our state and nation, and he will be deeply missed. Patti and I send our condolences to Evelyn and the Rominger family.

COMMENDING MAYOR DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Mayor Daniella Levine Cava on the occasion of her historic election as the first female Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Daniella Levine Cava was sworn in as Mayor of Miami-Dade County on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, making history as the first woman to do so. Prior to her historic election, she served as the Miami-Dade County Commissioner representing District 8, first elected in 2014, and re-elected in 2018. Her district included Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay, Homestead, and unincorporated areas of South Miami-Dade including Redland, Falls, Princeton, Naranja, Leisure City and parts of West Kendall.

While a member of the Miami-Dade County Commission, she served on the following Committees: Transportation and Finance; Infrastructure and Capital Improvements; Public Safety and Rehabilitation; and the Community Disparities Subcommittee of the Chair's Policy Council. She also served on the Transportation Planning Organization and the Executive Board of the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

Additionally as a Commissioner, her efforts focused on delivering on a variety of issues like: Fighting for a fair share of resources for South Miami-Dade, increasing the County police force by 80 officers, expanding economic opportunity, championing parks and the environment, advocating for transit improvements and better planning, and hosting the annual South Dade Solutions Summit. She secured over \$30 million in funds for infrastructure projects in South Miami-Dade.

Mayor Levine Cava came to elected office after having served as an advocate for South Florida families for over 30 years. She served special needs children and immigrants at Legal Services of Greater Miami, and then represented children in the child welfare system as Associate and Legal Director for the Guardian Ad Litem Program.

Madam Speaker, in the aftermath of devastating Hurricane Andrew, she was recruited to create a new intake system for child abuse cases with the Florida Department of Children and Families. Her efforts were concentrated on the neighborhoods of Miami-Dade County's District 8, where she helped restore the lives and homes of those devastated by the storm.

In 1996, Mayor Levine Cava founded the social service organization Catalyst Miami, to help low- and middle-income families through education and advocacy. Catalyst helps approximately 5,000 people each year to become more self-sufficient.

The passionate work that Mayor Levine Cava has done in the community also includes service with notable organizations like the Florida Bar Committee on Legal Needs of Children; the boards of League of Women Voters, Orange Bowl Foundation, North Dade Medical Foundation, South Florida Health Information Initiative, and several national boards.

She has been recognized and awarded for her impact on the community by numerous organizations including: the Commission on Eth-

ics, Red Cross, American Society for Public Administration, ACLU, National Council of Jewish Women and AAUW, among others.

Born in New York and raised partly in Latin America, Mayor Daniella received her bachelor's degree in psychology with honors from Yale University and graduate degrees in law and social work from Columbia University.

She came to South Florida in 1980 to join her husband, Dr. Robert Cava, a Miami native, who returned home to join his father in medical practice. Mayor Levine Cava and her husband raised two children, Eliza and Edward Cava.

Madam Speaker, I urge you, my colleagues in Congress, and all Americans to join me in honoring Mayor Daniella Levine Cava for her historic election as the first female Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Florida and her dedication and commitment to her community and our great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on January 5, 2021, to attend a funeral in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Roll Call number 9.

INTRODUCTION OF COUP ACT

HON. JAMAAL BOWMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. BOWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share that I am introducing legislation to

create a national commission to investigate the attempted insurrection on January 6th, and root out ties between white supremacists, white nationalists, and Capitol Police.

How did a group of armed, violent seditionists march into one of the most secure buildings, forcing Members of Congress to hide under their desks? What did the authorities know, and when did they know it? We need a national commission that will dig into the facts and openly share findings with the public.

What was abundantly clear last week was the stark contrast between the scarce and under-equipped security when insurrectionists stormed the Capitol—and how law enforcement agencies in D.C. and across the country rallied resources to brutalize and suppress demonstrators who were protesting in defense of Black lives and the lives of disabled people.

But what we saw last week is not new—it is a continuation of the American tradition of white backlash in the wake of social progress. And in this moment, I know that my colleagues and I will rise to the challenge and work to help our country heal. But none of this reconciliation can happen without truth and justice first.

As long as we allow white supremacy to continue to thrive in our society and our institutions, we will continue to suffer the consequences at the hands of its adherents. This is why it is so important that we pass my bill, the Congressional Oversight of Unjust Policing Act. My bill is the first step in the difficult task of investigating the failures in leadership and security that led up to the deadly events of January 6, 2021, and rooting out white supremacy in our law enforcement.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation, and join me in moving it to full passage.